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In the claims:

On page 18, at the top of the page in the preamble, change "What is claimed" to -- What is claimed is --.

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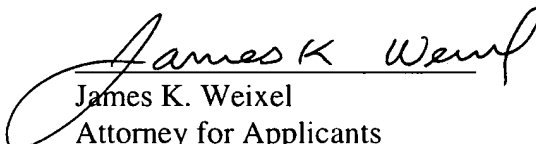
REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted to make minor corrections, enhance clarity of presentation and augment the "Summary of the Invention" section of the specification. In the specification as originally filed, a number of acronyms or initialisms were used where their first instances of usage were not accompanied by juxtaposed definitions, but where such definitions appeared later in the specification. Those later-
10 appearing definitions are, by way of this amendment, added at their respective first usages where they had been omitted.

SCP was originally defined on page 6, line 9. LATA was originally defined on page 7, line 4. The text for the insertion to the "Summary" section was taken from the
15 language of the claims as originally filed. Central Office (CO) was originally defined on page 13 line 25. The inserted language for steps 110 and 115 are based on the inherent disclosure of steps 110 and 115 in Fig. 1. Accordingly, no new matter is added hereby.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this amendment. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any costs incurred by this Amendment to Patent Office deposit account number: 02-2339.

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